

MEDIA STATEMENT

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HISA launches new Digital Health Executive Network

Digital health executives across Australia will be targeted by a new professional development program designed to build capacity in the health workforce.

Australia's [Digital Health Executive Network \(DHEN\)](#) is an initiative of HISA following demand from members who expressed the need for professional development and recognition schemes recognising their unique roles in healthcare.

Planning is underway for a certification program and the first professional development event will be held as part of [HIC 2018](#) in Sydney on 29 July.

The Australian Digital Health Executives Network has been formed by a collaboration of senior digital health executives across Australia: Chair Richard Royle (PwC Australia), Dr Richard Ashby (CEO, eHealth Queensland), Dr Zoran Bolevich (Chief Executive, eHealth NSW), Prof Keith McNeil (CCIO, Queensland Health), David Kempson (Group Chief Digital Officer, Mater Health Services), Sharon Hakkennes (CIO, Barwon Health), Ann Larkins (Executive Director, Information Development, Alfred Health) and Dr David Hansen (CEO, Australian eHealth Research Centre).

Chair Richard Royle said: "Digital health executives are at the forefront of guiding Australia's health sector into its digital future.

"There is currently no executive certification for digital health however Australia's future health system needs top performing, credentialed leadership.

"This program will equip them for the leadership role they have in health's digital future."

HISA CEO, Dr Louise Schaper said "digital health executives are a growing workforce in the health sector, but despite their numbers they tell us they can feel isolated and under pressure. In response to these issues, the Network will include Chatham House Rule forums for executive leaders in digital health to share information, collaborate and network. It's important that executives in digital health are supported in their roles and in their professional development."

The first [professional development](#) event is at HIC 2018 in Sydney, on Sunday 29 July.

If you or someone you know is interested in the DHEN, please complete an [expression of interest form](#).

About HISA

HISA is a strong community of healthcare, research and technical professionals interested in, and or working in digital health, e-health and health informatics in Australia. We advocate and support digital health change and adoption for the health sector, the profession and the broad scope of work numerous organisations and individuals do across the health sector.

HISA is Australia's leading authority for digital health workforce planning and capability development. We do this through defining digital health competency standards, delivering professional individual accreditation programs and strategic partnerships.